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Riverside Police DUI Checkpoint Nets 7 Arrests

The Riverside Police Department conducted a DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on Saturday, June 22, 2013 (between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m.), as part of Riverside's commitment to public safety. This checkpoint was one of many that have been or will be conducted throughout the year in the City of Riverside. The location of Saturday's checkpoint was on University Avenue at Douglass Avenue. The goal of the DUI Checkpoint was removing unlicensed or impaired drivers and to bring awareness to the public of the dangers of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

RSO/CAL-ID was also on hand to assist with the identification of subjects that did not have a driver's license or official identification. Several were processed at the checkpoint with their assistance to ensure a better means of identification in the future.

In addition to enforcing traffic laws the Department's personnel assisted families with the proper installation of their child safety seats to ensure the safety of the little ones passing through the checkpoint. The checkpoint concluded with a vehicle stopping in the e/b lanes of University Avenue, then backing into a vehicle behind it while trying to exit out of the checkpoint. The car was stopped, spilled beer was found in the vehicle and the driver was arrested for DUI.

Results:

- 1100 vehicles passed through the checkpoint
- 1100 drivers were contacted with 76 being screened
- 5 DUI suspects were arrested
- 1 warrant arrest
- 1 arrest for possession of Methamphetamine
- 58 citations were issued
- 19 vehicles were impounded
- 38 unlicensed and suspended drivers were sent to court

The Riverside Police Department reminds you that whether you are gathering with friends at the pub or attending your local events, if alcohol is part of the festivities, designate a sober driver to get you home safely or contact your local sober ride program for a ride home.

The checkpoint was funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Report Drunk Drivers – Call 9-1-1!

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